

# Training and development (operating department practice)

This page has information on the training and development opportunities in operating department practitioner practice.

After qualifying as an operating department practitioner (ODP) [1], you'll need to be committed to learning and always keep your skills and knowledge up to date. To maintain your registration to practice with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC [2]), you'll need to be able to meet their conduct, performance and ethics standards.

Information on the conduct, performance and ethics standards is available on the HCPC website [3].

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## Development opportunities

You'll have several options to progress your career in operating department practice, including management [4], education, research [5] and advanced practice. Experienced ODPs can take further training approved by the Royal College of Surgeons [6] to work as surgical care practitioners [7] or training approved by the Royal College of Anaesthetists [8] to work as anaesthesia associates [9]. The training programme for both roles are typically two years after which you'll be able to complete certain procedures under the supervision of a consultant surgeon or anaesthetist.

### NHS Leadership Academy

The NHS Leadership Academy runs a number of programmes to support healthcare professionals into leadership roles including the Mary Seacole programme. Find more information on the NHS Leadership Academy and its programmes [10].

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### Links

- [1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-operating-department-practice>
- [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#HCPC>
- [3] <http://www.hpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsofconductperformanceandethics/>

- [4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/clinical-manager>
- [5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/clinical-academic-careers>
- [6] <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/education-and-exams/accreditation/surgical-care-practitioner/>
- [7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/medical-associate-professions/surgical-care-practitioner>
- [8] <https://rcoa.ac.uk/training-careers/working-anaesthesia/anaesthesia-associates>
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